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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 October 2001.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 06 March 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2,3,4.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: See Attached Office Action.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informality. It is suggested that the first sentence of the specification (the priority statement) be updated.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein

were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhao, USPN 6,081,840, in view of Bracho et al. ("Bracho"), USPN 6,021,443.

7. Regarding claim 1, Zhao discloses a method for disseminating information stored in a plurality of nodes connected via a common communication medium, the method comprising: causing a first node to automatically disseminate information to a first plurality of nodes, which are immediately known to the first node when the information is updated, wherein the immediate family of nodes is a subset of the plurality of nodes connected via the communication medium [ie. source content server, Zhao, col. 3, lines 1-25, col. 4, lines 42-59, col. 6, line 51 – col. 7, line 20 and col. 8, lines 1-29].

Zhao does not specifically disclose supplying the information to be disseminated to the first node. However, Bracho, in the same field of endeavor, discloses a publisher supplying information to a hub node [Bracho, col. 10, lines 16-61]. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate supplying information, taught by Bracho, to the node in the system, taught by Zhao, in order to route new information to other nodes.

8. Regarding claim 2, Zhao-Bracho discloses at least one node in the first plurality of nodes to disseminate the information received from the first node to a second plurality of nodes which are immediately known to the at least one node in the first plurality of nodes [Zhao, col. 8, line 66 – col. 10, line 14] [Bracho, col. 10, lines 16-46].

9. Regarding claim 3, Zhao-Bracho discloses at least one node in an nth plurality of nodes to disseminate the information received from at least one node in an nth-1 plurality of nodes to an nth+1 plurality of nodes which are immediately known to the at least one node in the nth plurality of nodes [Zhao, col. 4, lines 1-41 and col. 6, lines 20-50] [Bracho, col. 5, lines 12-51 and col. 10, lines 16-61].

10. Regarding claim 4, Zhao-Bracho discloses the information is disseminated to only those nodes, which have previously indicated an interest in the information [ie. subscribers, Zhao, col. 6, line 51 – col. 7, line 20] [Bracho, col. 5, lines 13-34].

11. Regarding claim 5, Zhao-Bracho discloses only the most recent information is disseminated to the first plurality of nodes, the second plurality of nodes and the nth+1 plurality of nodes [Zhao, col. 4, lines 42-59 and col. 8, lines 1-29] [Bracho, col. 13, lines 5-49].

12. Regarding claim 6, Zhao-Bracho discloses the information comprises at least one module containing a plurality of module blocks [Zhao, col. 6, lines 4-19] [Bracho, col. 15, lines 43-52].

13. Regarding claim 7, Zhao-Bracho discloses the information comprises at least one module block of a module containing a plurality of module blocks [Zhao, col. 6, lines 4-19] [Bracho, col. 15, lines 43-52].

Conclusion

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason D Cardone whose telephone number is (703) 305-8484. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thu. (9AM-6PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Harvey can be reached on (703) 305-9705. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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